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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Boston, prices were unchanged to higher on the larger sizes, elsewhere, prices were usually unchanged to lower on the extra large and large sizes. In addition, medium eggs were generally unchanged to higher throughout the country. The market tone was about steady on mediums, cautiously steady on the larger sizes. Retail demand ranged light to no better than moderate, with better movement usually centering around promotional activity. Supplies of extra large and large eggs were at least adequate to available, and mediums were about adequate to instances barely adequate. Breaking stock supplies were adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional eggs was light as many dealers were assessing current needs. Offerings of light type hens were fully adequate to ample for processing schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** Prices in Philadelphia on mediums were unchanged to 4 cents higher, in Boston prices on extra large and large were unchanged to 2 cents higher. Balances of sizes and locations values were unchanged. Demand was active and usually very good on brown eggs although interest on white eggs were irregular with best movement noted where specials were still in progress. Supplies range from in close balance to available. Undertone was generally firm on brown eggs and steady to about steady on white eggs with mediums being reported in the best position.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. Retail and distributive movement ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were usually sufficient for needs with large slightly more available. Trade sentiment was steady on lighter weights and cautious on heavier sizes.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and Major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were higher on mediums and unchanged to lower on the balance. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin and prices in Chicago were unchanged. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady for the larger sizes and steady for the balance. Retail and food service demand was light to fair. Supplies were adequate to available for the larger sizes and adequate to barely adequate for the balance. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand were quiet as many breakers assessed their needs. Most buyers not needing any extra product. Supplies at least adequate. Trade sentiment about steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market undertone generally steady. Retail and food service demand generally moderate with most buyers cautious. Supplies of larger sizes adequate or available, and lighter weights adequate to barely adequate.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta and Florida, prices for extra large and large were slightly lower, but mediums were higher. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady entering the week. Retail demand was generally fair to moderate with increasing feature activity noted throughout the region. Supplies of the larger sizes were available, and mediums were adequate. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending Sept. 03, 1999, was 60.82 cents, unchanged from the week before, and 9.58 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were adequate from regular sources, and the demand for additional eggs was light. Spent hen availability was fully adequate to ample for immediate slaughter needs.

**WESTERN** Prices 5 cents lower on jumbo, 3 cents lower on extra large, and unchanged on large throughout the region, with medium and small 4 cents higher in California and medium 2 cents higher in the Northwest. The Pacific region inventory was 11% lower than last week with California down 14% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 6%. Retailer demand was fairly good for the long weekend. Offerings adequate.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	100-102	90-92	54-56
New York	66-68	63-66	45-48
Philadelphia	64-66	62-64	43-45
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	55-56	53.5-55	37-38
Jackson (1)	67-68	62-63	46-47
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	64-76	60-74	43-57
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	54-59	53-58	39-44
Detroit (2)	51-54	50-53	35-38
Major Ohio Cities (2)	52-57	51-55	36-41
Major Wisconsin Cities	55-63	53-60	39-46
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	72-73	68-69	50-51
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	91	83	68
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices 5 cents lower on jumbo, 3 cents lower on extra large, unchanged on large, and 4 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 14% lower than last week. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings adequate. Small invoice price 48. Ads in Northern California: large dozen 99-169, buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 199.

**PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	RANGE
JUMBO	115
EXTRA LARGE	91
LARGE	83
MEDIUM	68

**PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>		<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	209-245
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	179-225
MEDIUM	187-205	MEDIUM	149-189

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 10, 1999 will increase by 6 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 03, 1999 were 257,072 cases which was 4 percent below the prior week and 2% below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	221,157	35,915	257,072

% change from the prior week.....	-4	-3	-4

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices unchanged. Trading and demand was quiet as many breakers assessed needs. Most breakers currently out of the market and not seeking additional product. Supplies were at least adequate. Trade sentiment about steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	31-34	32-34
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-20	18
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Majority prices were unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were generally on holiday schedules. Undertone was irregular but steadier at the majority prices. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-SEP-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-16	10-14.5	12.44
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Trading levels were lower compared to the past weeks trading. Demand was only moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy fowl. Finished sales were fair with current production schedules easily covering needs. Trade sentiment was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 LBS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-SEP-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-17	13-15	13.83

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-** AM Sep 06,1999

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.6	6.9	3.0	9.3	6.9 32.7
	Change	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.5	-1.3 0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.2	24.2	9.0	21.4	16.7 93.5
	Change	-2.6	0.7	0.2	1.4	-3.2 -4%
Large	Curr Wk	32.7	47.9	58.0	66.1	79.6 284.3
	Change	-12.4	-19.3	7.1	7.9	-8.3 -8%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.9	23.2	19.3	23.1	26.1 104.6
	Change	1.3	0.9	3.1	1.4	1.4 8%
Small	Curr Wk	8.2	7.8	1.1	8.5	5.7 31.3
	Change	-1.3	-0.1	-0.4	0.8	-2.5 -10%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.1	11.2	9.4	11.7	5.7 43.1
	Change	-0.2	-3.5	-0.9	1.9	0.3 -5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	35.8	71.1	13.2	27.7	52.2 200.0
	Change	-5.3	11.5	-1.1	5.9	-11.4 0%
Total	Curr Wk	123.5	192.3	113.0	167.8	192.9 789.5
Percent	Change	-14%	-5%	8%	13%	-11% -3%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	789.5	-3%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	498.8	1%	38
Total Shell Egg	1288.3	-2%	204

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

**CANADIAN EGGS**

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	161	157.9	148.9	107.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 1999 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	125	125	115	75

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**—DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/27/99

**CURRENT LOADS** 19.25 **FUTURE LOADS** 18.00 **TOTAL LOADS** 37.25

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST					
GNR W XL	—	—	40.50	42.00	—	—	1.00	GNR W 4	—	30.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR W 1	41.00	41.50	40.50	42.00	—	—	6.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	60.00	1.00			
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	—	30.00	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	51.00	.75			
GNR BR 1	—	—	57.00	58.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	44.11	4.50			
GL W J	—	—	—	—	49.00	—	1.00												
GL W XL	—	—	—	49.00	44.50	—	2.75												
GL W LG	—	—	45.00	47.00	35.83	—	6.50												
GL W MD	29.25	32.00	—	—	—	—	4.00												
GL W SM	—	—	17.25	19.00	—	—	2.00												
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.00												
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	32.00	1.00												
NRBS - 36	—	—	16.25	17.75	—	—	1.00												

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**—WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/23/99 - 08/27/99

**CURRENT LOADS** 117.00 **FUTURE LOADS** 74.25 **TOTAL LOADS** 191.25

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W XL	—	—	40.50	42.00	—	—	1.00		GNR W 1	—	45.45	—	—	—	—	—	20.00
GNR W 1	40.25	40.21	40.00	41.67	42.00	—	44.00		GNR W 4	—	30.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	23.00	24.00	23.67	30.00	31.00	29.95	9.00		GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	60.00	1.00	
GNR W 4	—	—	19.00	20.50	18.88	22.70	7.00		GL W XL	46.00	—	—	—	—	52.08	3.25	
GNR BR 1	—	59.00	57.00	58.00	—	—	3.50		GL W LG	39.87	44.13	—	—	—	43.68	14.25	
GL W J	—	—	—	—	49.00	—	1.00		GL W MD	26.13	—	—	—	—	31.08	7.00	
GL W XL	—	47.00	46.50	48.31	43.46	—	17.75		NRBS - 45	22.50	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	
GL W LG	38.77	39.77	44.75	46.50	35.84	—	19.00										
GL W MD	26.55	29.75	21.67	23.33	31.25	31.00	21.25										
GL W SM	15.58	17.60	15.75	17.64	—	—	9.50										
GL BR XL	—	—	—	74.00	70.00	—	.50										
GL BR MD	—	21.00	—	—	—	—	1.50										
GL BR SM	—	—	—	—	—	12.00	1.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	31.50	33.80	28.00										
NRBS - 45	28.00	30.00	—	—	30.50	26.75	5.00										
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	32.00	3.00										
NRBS - 36	—	—	16.25	17.75	—	—	1.00										

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 8/22/99 - 8/28/99**

Origin State	AZ	CO	IA	MI	MN	MO	NY	OH	OR	TX	UT	WA	TOTAL
N. CA	-	-	780	-	-	-	-	-	3,317	-	1,545	-	5,642
C. CA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	790	790
S. CA	1,500	4,980	5,700	821	3,645	2,990	960	850	-	3,444	1,475	-	26,365
TTL STATE	1,500	4,980	6,480	821	3,645	2,990	960	850	3,317	3,444	3,020	790	32,797

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
127-130	81-84	71-74	35-38	8-11

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
59-62	50-56	48-53	33-38	14-18

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
34-36	21-23	7-9

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
69.62	52.14	33.34

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	8/30/99	8/23/99	9/07/98
PACIFIC COAST	343	365	12
LOS ANGELES	253	253	12

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS** PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR August 31, 1999:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.43
LARGE	143-150	148.40
MEDIUM	124-139	133.46
SMALL	106-109	108.48

Receipts from the mainland: 8/22/99-8/28/99  
30-dozen cases 5,740

Receipts from the mainland: 8/15/99-8/21/99  
30-dozen cases 3,693

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